

THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY.

Its Celebration Saturday a Tremendous Success.

A LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE PARADE.

Is Followed by the Greatest Picnic ever Seen on the State Fair Grounds. The Whole Town is Gay with Appropriate Decorations—A Good Programme of Amusement.

Better weather for a parade and picnic could not be than that of Saturday, when the organized labor of this vicinity celebrated Labor Day under the auspices of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly.

The streets along the line of march were more profusely decorated than on any previous anniversary, and even on the back streets where the procession did not pass, there were a good many houses decorated. In addition to United States flags and bunting symbolic flags of the Knights of Labor and other labor organizations or crafts, industry, art and other things were used to good effect, while huge portraits of noted labor leaders appeared here and there. The decorations still remain and yesterday served a purpose as giving the city a gala appearance in the presence of the Engineers' Brotherhood.

Moved over the route already laid down in the papers.

The procession was headed by Chief Marshall Imhoff, Assistant John Purcell, and Aides John Donehoo, Wm. Deiters, Hoge Shively, Louis Strobel, Chas. Stein, Peter Englehart, Ed. Strantman, Andrew Stoetzer, C. W. Selvey, Chas. H. Hill and John Minckmeyer, mounted; a platoon of police officers, twenty men, and carriages occupied by the mayor, chief of police, city officials and the sheriff and deputies.

There were ten or eleven bands in line, and the number of men aggregated fully 3,000. In addition to the various local unions the Farmers' Alliance was out in force, and the following houses made trade displays in the last division: Wheeling Installment Company, E. P. Rhodes, Fisher's Star Foundry, Joseph Bell & Co., Wheeling Shirt Factory, Balzer's Brewery, P. E. Schenk, Standard Sewing Machine Co., P. L. Brockhart, Mrs. Ziegenfelder, Wheeling Laundry, W. L. Reed, George E. Kurner, A. J. McGarrall, Reid's Nursery, D. B. Garvin & Son, The Hub and others.

All along the line of march the sidewalks were lined with people, and at many places the crowds extended out into the streets.

The crowd on the State Fair Ground was equal to the attendance on one of the big days of the annual fair. The number of people there was hard to estimate. Some people put it as high as 12,000, and 10,000 was certainly a conservative estimate. In fact, there was too large a crowd for entire comfort, but everybody was in a good humor and all managed to have a good time.

The races seemed the centre of attraction. Bob Anderson acted as starter, Charles Hancher as timer and Clark Hamilton, J. W. Crosby and J. J. Hammond as judges.

For the first heat, a trot, there were three entries, "Butcher Boy," owned by Henry Stoehr; "Roller Boy," owned by John Auber, and "Buttons," owned by William Ellingham. "Buttons" was driven by Dr. L. N. Reeder, and "Roller Boy" by Earl Green. "Butcher Boy" won in three straight heats, "Butcher Boy" being second in all.

For the pace there were three entries, "Dan Williams," owned by Levi Cassel; "Brown Hammer," owned by Ed Holliday; and "Dick D," owned by Macree, of Bellaire. Dan took three straight heats, while Dick D came in second in two of them.

W. D. Chambers's You Bet and John Nease's Fanny were the only runners booked, and Fannie won the second and third heats.

The best time made in the trot was 2:51, in the pace the same, while the fastest half-mile run was in 57 1/2. William Henry beat Ed McAninch in a fifty-yard foot race.

In the hub and hub race, in the first round of the race between Martin's Ferry and the Powell-Maule-Rodewig team of Bellaire Martin's Ferry again beat her old competitor. This race has been looked forward to with the intensest interest, owing to the heated rivalry between the two teams. Ex-Chief James A. Dunning, of the Wheeling department, was chosen as referee.

Capt. S. F. Dean was the starter for the Martin's Ferry boys, and ex-Chief George Muth, of Bellaire, for that team. Robert Brown, of Bellaire, and John Eganessy, for Martin's Ferry, were judges at the finish.

The conditions were that the race was to be hub and hub, each team to pull the reel thirty yards and then unreel 200 yards of hose. The purse was \$175.

The race was exciting throughout, and fairly even, Bellaire finishing the unreeling of the hose just as Montgomery finished screwing on the nozzle. The time was not reliably kept, but it was not over 32 seconds.

Martin's Ferry was so certain of victory that she had cloth badges ready for distribution as soon as the decision was announced. These were worn the rest of the day by hundreds of her partisans, men, women and children. Of course Martin's Ferry is prouder of her team than ever.

All day there was plenty of music on the grounds for dancing and promenading, and there was no lack of amusement for the crowd. All in all, it was the most successful event of the kind ever given in Wheeling, and it reflected great credit upon the committees which had the various arrangements in charge.

One of the neatest displays in the parade was that of the Standard Sewing Machine Company, consisting of five neat wagons, with fancy red blankets on the horses, and decorated with flags. On each wagon was one of their finest finished (union made) Standard rotary shuttle sewing machines, and the drivers were clear out of sight.

Mr. H. W. Henry's new shirt factory, 1000 Main street, had a large float representing his factory, having five of his lady operators and five Standard Sewing machines.

A FIRE STOVE DISPLAY.

The only stove display in the Labor Day parade was that from Benj. Fisher's Star foundry. The display was arranged under the superintendence of Manager Charles Fisher, and it took four wagons to contain the splendid samples of Valley Star cook stoves, heating stoves and ranges. Each piece was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, while each wagon contained several men. The reputation of the stoves,

which are made by the union men, is very high throughout the country, and the Fisher stoves are classed among the best manufactured. The display elicited words of admiration from the people along the line of march. Manager Charles Fisher, of the foundry, will present a cooking stove and complete outfit to the couple who will be married on the Fair grounds at the coming fair. The foundry is enjoying a very prosperous season.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

THE LIGHT AT MARKET AND FOURTEENTH STREETS has not burned very steadily for several nights.

THE TINY gnats and bugs about the electric lights increase in number and capacity to annoy every night.

MR. C. R. TRACY has again been appointed district deputy by Grand Exalted Ruler Hays, of the B. P. O. Elks.

A MEETING of the Democratic State Committee is to be held here to-day. The members are expected to arrive this morning.

THE FAIR week attractions at the opera house will be Charles A. Gardner, the German comedian, and "The Lost Paradise."

THE wooden bridge at Main street has been closed to travel, and the street car track on it torn up. The bridge will be removed at once.

THE Union cornet band's excursion over the Wheeling & Lake Erie road to Canton and Myer's Lake yesterday was well patronized, and all had a good time.

PROF. HENRY KRIFFAHNE is prepared to execute orders for ink drawings, painting in gold on silk or music writing. He is an adept, and persons having work to do would find it to their advantage to call on him.

OFFICER FITZGERALD on Saturday night arrested William and Dave O'Brien, of the Sixth ward, charged with disorderly conduct. Last night there were the only cases on the docket for this morning's police court.

THE people of the Third ward are complaining about the tardiness of the garbage collector. The ordinance requires that his wagon shall call at every house once a day, and it is said that he was not in the ward last week.

A MEETING of representatives of Catholic societies was held Saturday evening to take steps to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. It was decided to adjourn to September 13, to see what steps toward the celebration would be taken by other societies.

MR. C. W. SAWYER last night reopened his revival meetings in Evangelistic hall, on Market street just below Fourteenth. He had a good attendance and an earnest meeting. Another meeting will be held in the same place at 7:30 Thursday evening.

THE members of Holiday Post, G. A. R., held a kickers' convention Saturday night over the proposed rate of \$9 for the round trip to Washington on the occasion of the national encampment. The report of the transportation committee indicated that a cent a mile rate would be eventually secured. In case no reduction is made few old soldiers will go from this section.

THE representatives of the Daughters of Liberty left at 1:30 Saturday afternoon for Pittsburgh, over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, where they joined the other delegates, who left Pittsburgh Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for the national session which begins Tuesday morning at Philadelphia. The delegates from Wheeling were: From Lady Washington Council No. 1, Jennie Spears and Annie Rita; from Pride of Wheeling Council No. 2, James M. Ephlin and Mary D. Gillespie.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Judge Jacobs arrived home from Romney Saturday night.

Harry Menckemeller has returned from a sojourn at Mountain Lake Park.

Mrs. R. L. Frazier and Mrs. L. O. Metzner have gone to New York on business.

Mrs. Capt. Dillon and her daughter, Ada, have returned from Mountain Lake Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitzgerald, who have been summering at the seashore, have returned home.

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